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PATENT

**CASE #F7544(V)
UNUS #Y2-0398-UNI**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicant: Verrips
Serial No.: 09/880,199
Filed: June 13, 2001
For: LACTOBACILLUS CONTAINING PRODUCT**

**Group: 1761
Examiner: K. Hendricks
Edgewater, New Jersey 07020**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE

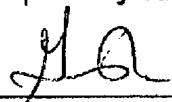
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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time to file a Response for one month from August 16, 2003 to September 16, 2003.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1155 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account. This request is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,


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